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The Fable of the Pure-Minded Librarian and How She Lost The Fight

by

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There was once a Well-Educated young lady who worked in a Children's Library. She was crazy for Culture. It was her Aim in Life to cram the Little Ones full of Literature. Nothing burned her up like the sight of a Comic Book; she thought they were Trash. She read articles in Professional Journals proving that Children prefer Shakespeare and Tertullianus to Batman and Super Funnies. She swallowed all this Guff, and gave Lectures to groups of Mothers and Teachers who Fell for it too. Once she took a Comic Book away from a Little Kid and gave him One Hundred Great Paintings for Boys and Girls to look at instead. When she asked him in a Sweet Voice how he Enjoyed it, he Politely said Fine, but he was Never seen again around that Library.

She wrote a Nasty Letter to a Bubble-Gum Company that made Millions by printing little Comic Strips on bubble-gum Wrappers. She clipped out and saved an Editorial in the Evening Paper which stated that Comic Books were full of Crime, Sex, Murder, Vice, and Dirty Politics, and were not worth Ten Cents.

One day she was invited by the Childhood Uplift Society to give a few words of Advice and Encouragement on the possibilities of shoveling Useful Information into little Knotheads. While she was working over her notes on the Philosophical Implications of Alice in Wonderland, her eye lit on a Newspaper Item about two Little Boys who had swiped an Airplane and flown it All Over Hell. They said they learned Aviation from reading Comic Books.

The young lady Librarian, who did not even know a Slipstream from a Turbosupercharger, fell into a stupefied Faint. She was so Delirious for three weeks that she kept pestering the Nurse for the latest issue of Adventure Comics.

Moral: All is not Tripe that Stinks.

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ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The annual spring meeting of the Hawaii Library Association was held on Saturday, April 3, at the Waioli Tea Room. The business meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by the president, Miss Griffey. The minutes of the fall meeting of October 26 were read, corrected and approved.

It was moved and seconded that the amendment concerning the collection of dues be referred back to the Executive board for consideration. This was approved.

Librarians from the outside islands were asked to report on their work. Mrs. Hadley of Kauai reported on the loss of a children's librarian; Mrs. Welsh from Hawaii reported that their building program was still on paper only. Miss Melton of the Volcano House Research Library reported that the catalog project could be finished in May or June and that they hoped to get a part time librarian after that to take care of the records.

Mr. McClurkin, as chairman of the Union List of Serials committee, reported that the list is ready for the manuscript to be typed. The committee needs help in advertising the project; they have written Edwards Brothers in Ann Arbor asking for quotations and suggestions about reproduction of the list. They need help in making up mailing lists of prospective purchasers; all members of the H.L.A. were asked to act as salesman for this.

A telegram from Mr. North, president of the A.L.A., conveying the greetings and good wishes of the A.L.A. was read.

Miss Griffey explained that the A.L.A. had extended an invitation to the H.L.A. to form a section of cataloging and classifying. She advised the cataloging section to discuss this in their meeting which was to follow.

Miss Jones of the Library of Hawaii announced the following nominations for next year: Mrs. Mabel Jackson, president; Mrs. Clarissa Halsted, vice-president; Miss Frances Kenyon, secretary; Miss Ruth Wong, treasurer; and Mrs. Jean Brundage, member-at-large. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and that the president cast an unanimous vote for the entire slate. This was approved.

The general meeting adjourned and the sectional meetings followed.

The speaker for the evening meeting was Dr. Carleton Green, who spoke on "When I Reckon as I Count".

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Kenyon,
Secretary.

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THE UNION LIST OF SERIALS IN HAWAII

A report by John McClurkin, committee chairman.

The Union List Committee is having weekly meetings to work out the many problems connected with the publication of the Union List of Serials in Hawaii. Estimates from several publishing firms have been received. Details of format are being stylized. A publication announcement has been prepared and will be sent to a selected mailing list of mainland libraries, research organizations, scientific institutions, and scholars.

Miss Margaret Titcomb, who has returned to her desk as Librarian of the Bishop Museum, is serving as a member of the committee. Her intimate knowledge of the project from its inception and her seasoned judgement are proving invaluable to the work of the committee. Miss Charlotta Hoskins has not been at the last few meetings as she has already left Honolulu on her leave of absence from the University of Hawaii Library.

You will recall that at the annual meeting of the Association in April, the chairman of the Union List committee announced that volunteer services of each member would be called for to assist with the typing, mailing, and other work necessary to complete the job of reproducing and distributing the Union List. The committee will contact you individually and ask for your volunteer help, and we trust that you will respond freely. As soon as you see announcement of publication of the Union List, spread the word and help us boost your H.L.A. project.

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THE AUTHORITY FILE

MABEL JACKSON, the president of the Hawaii Library Association 1948-49, has been a resident of the Islands for eight years. Her home was in Wenatchee, Washington, before she came here in 1940 as cataloger for the Hawaii County Library. In 1942 she came to the Library of Hawaii, where she is now Assistant Librarian. Mrs. Jackson is a graduate of the University of Washington Library School and has her M.A. from the University of California School of Librarianship.

CLARISSA HALSTED originally called Iowa her home state. She received her degree from the University of Chicago, and attended the Library School of the Los Angeles Public Libraries, now a part of the University of Southern California. She came to Honolulu from California, and for two years was at Kamehameha Schools, where she set up the Elementary School library. For the past two years she has been head librarian at Punahou School library. Mrs. Halsted is the present vice-president of the Hawaii Library Association.

RUTH WONG is one of a small group of "Island-born-and-raised" H.L.A. members. A member of the staff of the Edna Allyn Room of the Library of Hawaii, she is a 1947 graduate of the Carnegie Library School, where she specialized in library work with children. During the war, Ruth worked for the Army, but went back to the University of Hawaii to complete her secondary education course at Teachers College. She is the new treasurer of the Hawaii Library Association.

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Hawaii County Library By Isabel Welsh

The big thrill of years for the Hawaii County Library is to see the size of the new building actually buzzing with workmen, trees and shrubs being bulldozed out and rocks and cinders trucked in. The foundation is now staked out and according to the contract it will be a matter of only three hundred days until the work is completed. Yes, we are counting the days!

The stork has recently been showing partiality to the children's librarians on Hawaii. Mrs. Don Johnson (Helen Sobeika) gave birth to a son early in April, their first child. This makes the third baby born to our children's librarians, past and present, within the past six months. Quite a crop of little story-tellers coming along!

Miss Sylvia Charlock, the artist on our staff, spent a two weeks' vacation in Kona in April and returned with three lovely new paintings of the Kona coast which were exhibited at the Woman's Club Flower Show the last of May. We hope to have an exhibit of Miss Charlock's painting in the Library shortly.

University of Hawaii Library by Helen Bevens

Spring came blooming to the University Library. Gale Sakai was married May 1 to Richard Hamilton, of the Agricultural Experiment Station. On May 11 Priscilla Griffey became the bride of William Elmer Harpham, engineer with Hawaiian Electric. And Helen Toyomura will be married on June 26 to Shigeo Hidano. Toujours l'amour!

Charlotta Hoskins is enjoying a summer's leave of absence. On May 29 she sailed to attend the summer session at Breadloaf School in Vermont. Eloise Winstedt is filling in during the first month and a half of her leave; then Clarissa Halsted will take over.

Department of Congratulations: Harue and Joe Palomino proudly announce the birth of their baby daughter Carmela, who arrived on May 23. Seven pounds three ounces!

Kay Newhall is resigning at the end of June to take a position in the library of the Honolulu County Medical Association. Smart gal -- it's not only the handsomest library in the islands, but she won't have to start work until 8:30 A.M.

The great Spanish encyclopedia, Enciclopedia universal illustrada europeo-americana (Espasa to you) has finally arrived in shipshape condition, all 86 volumes. It passed through Honolulu a few months back, but somehow failed to disembark with the rest of the freight, and has since been to China and back.

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES--Cont.

Library of Hawaii by Ruth Wong

Many of the staff members will be vacationing on the mainland this summer. Miss Elisabeth Carey already is enjoying Portland's flowers on her May-June journey home...Picking up their new Packard in San Francisco on July 3, Mrs. Mabel Jackson and her husband will tour the West Coast with a stop-over at Mrs. Jackson's home in Washington... "My trip to the West Coast will be for business and pleasure," says Mrs. Violet Silverman of the Hawaiian Room---business being her eye operation and pleasure consisting of visits to libraries and historical societies. She will be accompanied by Mr. Silverman...Miss Frances Bernath, Wahiawa Branch librarian, left May 10 for a 3½ months visit home to New York state. During her absence, Mrs. May Craig, Frances' roommate's mother, will substitute. Strange coincidence, for Mrs. Craig is a trained librarian from Long Beach, California... Speaking of mothers, Mrs. Carl F. Harshe, mother of Florence (in charge of the Loan Desk is visiting here for 6 weeks. Mrs. Harshe is president of the Friends of the Library of Lima, Ohio.

After 23 years of service to the Library, Mrs. Laura Sutherland, director of the Extension Department and assistant to Miss Newman, will retire June 5th. She will be honored at a staff dinner at the Waioli Tea Room on June 12...Mrs. Ursula Hemingway Jepson, head of publicity and public relations, resigns on July 1...Miss Hannah Hunt, formerly young people's librarian at the main library, has resigned from the North Hollywood Public Library. Her new position is with the Rockfort, Illinois, Public Library.

The friends of the Library sponsored an Open House May 21-22 at the Kaimuki Branch. A pleasant group came to view the redecorated library and to see the official opening of the new auditorium... Construction of the $125,000 Kalihi-Palama Branch is well under way. Mrs. Sutherland reports that the building should be completed by November. The new library will be on the Waikiki side of Kalihi Street between School and King Streets.

Miss Frances Alexander, newest member of our staff, started work in the Edna Allyn Room June 1. Miss Alexander, formerly a children's librarian with the Los Angeles County Library, arrived in Honolulu May 27, after her trip around the world by air.

Maui County Free Library

The staff of the Maui County Free Library welcomes a new member, Mrs. Christine Zeisler, who is to take the position as cataloger. Mrs. Zeisler was formerly librarian in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. Before that she was rocket research librarian at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. She received her professional training at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Frances Hunt, our Children's librarian, is leaving Maui to return to her home in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. During the summer months, Mrs. Frank Kinnison, Kaunoa school teacher, will take over the traveling library and the children's work.

Maui County's Molokai Branch was hard hit by the heavy rains last March. The water reached the second step of the library's lanai and a bulldozer was needed to remove the silt from the fron of the building.

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES--Cont.

Kauai Public Library Association By Lucille Moore

Miss Julia Szinkunas, Children's Librarian since August, had to return unexpectedly to the mainland the last of March for medical treatment. We hated to see her go as much as she did to leave. In every letter she writes of her desire to return to Kauai.

Several promising applications for the position have been received, but no final decision has been reached.

The library sponsored an evening of recorded symphony music in the library Friday, May 7, in observance of Music Week. A local violinist, Mr. W.A. Buddingh, furnished the phonograph and records and arranged the program.

All books of short stories in the adult collection are being marked on the back with an "S" to aid in reader's adviser work and to make it easier to meet the seasonal demand of high school students.

The entire adult fiction collection has been weeded for obsolete material.

Our "work room" is so swamped with book truck overflow and collections being made up for the branches that it looks more like a shipping department, with very little space left to work.

Three authors have called upon us recently for Kauai material. For one we made up a selective bibliography on Kauai; and Mrs. Hadley is searching for material on the Napali Cliffs area for another. One of our patrons is considering writing a novel on the life of John Young. In cooperation with the Hawaiiana section of H.L.A. we are encouraging writers to write on local history.

Staff vacation plans are not too definite as yet. Mrs. Hadley will spend hers at Poipu Beach in August, "so that the children can store up some sunshine." Lucille Moore is considering a trip to Hawaii and Maui in July. Mrs. Mary Pelton is making long weekends serve as her vacation. She spent Memorial Day weekend in the style to which the Royal Hawaiian is accustomed, availing herself of its beach, if not of its board.

Army Libraries (USRPAC) by Louise Grove

Mrs. Nina Coffman of 147th General Hospital enjoyed a DS at KMC, where all GOOD Army librarians are allowed to rest from their labors. All this in preparation for the big moving which takes place in August when all of Old Tripler settles in New Tripler up on the hill.

Miss Eve Davis, Librarian of Wheeler Field Base Library, is anticipating her first trip to Hawaii...We expect Miss Genevieve Friday, our Field section Supervisor, to join us soon when her temporary duty at Kwajalein ends in June.

Mrs. Helen Parker, Librarian of Sand Island et al, was hostess recently to Miss Jane Fairweather, Chief Librarian, and Miss Janet McClure, Supervisor, Far East Command. Miss McClure was returning to Tokio after a recruiting tour in the States, and Miss Fairweather was mainland bound for leave and TDY to do recruiting also.

Apologies to all our friends because our CATALOG CARD is slow in coming out. Staff cuts and lack of personnel are our alibis.

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES--Cont.

Army Libraries (USARPAC) - Cont.

We can no longer meet a monthly date line... USARPAC Library Depot Headquarters, now housed in the Kalihi end of Ft. Shafter Post, will move any minute now to the Special Services Division building.

Miss Lucile Monroe, Librarian at Ft. Shafter, is looking forward to visit her sister, Miss Alice Monroe, Children's Librarian at the Mt. Pleasant Library, Cleveland, Ohio... All the Army librarians spent a pleasant Sunday morning on May 2, celebrating the birthday of Miss Dorothea Surtees, Command Librarian, USARPAC, at a Royal Hawaiian breakfast.

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THE EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT

The spring meeting of the Hawaii Library Association was a success in our opinion -- and so was the steak dinner!...The Reference section enjoyed listening to and questioning Miss Fixit, who was an interesting and entertaining speaker... The Hawaiiana section devoted its time to the discussion of books on Hawaii that should be written. It was decided that Janet Bell and Clare Murdoch will write an article on needed books of Hawaiiana; this article, when completed, will be published in an Island magazine or newspaper. It is hoped that such an article will arouse the interest of local writers...

The Executive board of the H.L.A. announces the names of the heads of various sections for 1948-49: Miss Marian Morse is the head of the Reference and Special libraries section; Mrs. Ethel Bowen heads the Hawaiiana section; Miss Carolyn Crawford is in charge of the Children's section; and Miss May Wodemeyer has charge of the Schools section...

The editor paid a visit to the HSPA library, after hearing of "big doings" on Keeaumoku street. Mrs. Jean Dabagh is in charge just now, "the boss" being away on a three month trip -- Miss Mabel Fraser is covering a lot of ground just now, as she is wandering around British Columbia, Canada, and the States. She will return at the end of August... The HSPA library is to be moved into a new building. now under construction next door to the present building. Mrs. Dabagh says that the library has been promised the basement, first floor and mezzanaine of the new building, and hope to be completely settled in by the end of the year, if not before. In the meantime, the HSPA is being no end distracted by continual hammering, drilling, sawing and general commotion --such is the price paid for growth!...

We are trying something new: in this issue we are starting "The authority file", brief biographical sketches of members of the H.L.A., in an effort to help H.L.A. members to become better acquainted with one another. Hope you like it...

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: So many of you have been eaten with curiosity these past few months as to the identity of our "front-page" author. "Wolverine" has been quoted in the Library Journal of March 15, and Miss "Jessica Jones" has been contacted for permission to use her article in another nationwide library magazine. Who knows to what heights "Pinklemon Ade" will shoot! We have persuaded the modest little violet to let us tell her name. She came to the Islands in 1944, and is foreign language cataloger at the University of Hawaii. Librarians, you may make some cross-references, thus:

Wolverine, pseud., see	Jones, Jessica, pseud., see	Ade, Pinklemon, pseud., see

Bevens, Helen (Gilbertson)